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**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection**  
**For Week Ending 05-Aug-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week 08/05/00	Previous Week 07/29/00
Bro-Fry	161,078	160,427
Lt Hens	1,875	1,809
Hvy Hens	1,796	1,731

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada**  
**Weeks Ending 29-Jul-2000 (Thousand Head)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	665	19	684
Last Week	332	29	361
Same Wk Yr Ago	378	0	378
To Date 2000	14,669	143	14,812
To Date 1999	14,736	192	14,928

(R) Revised

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

**Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,464	1,742	4,206
Last Week	2,291	1,638	3,929
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,475	1,270	3,745
To Date 2000	73,452	42,501	115,953
To Date 1999	79,679	40,585	120,537

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection**  
**Week Ending 29-Jul-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	159,218(A)	1,799	1,723	3,522
Avg Wt	5.00	3.34	7.85	5.55
Last Week	158,155	1,959	1,609	3,568
Same Week Yr Ago	155,473	2,097	1,270	3,367
Avg Wt	4.93	3.41	7.95	5.12
To-Date/2000	4,638,242	58,783	42,358	101,141
To-Date/1999	4,545,195	64,943	40,666	105,609

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 157.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161.2 million head or 3.6 million head less than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

### Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending July 22, 2000

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	36,243	40,397	38,703
Avg Weight	3.78	4.84	6.04
% Of Total /1	31%	35%	34%
Comparisons			
Last Week	30,713	37,156	34,847
Avg Weight	3.73	4.79	5.96
% Of Total /1	30%	36%	34%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	40,140	34,877	38,875
Avg Weight	3.87	4.76	6.04
% Of Total /1	35%	31%	34%
To Date/2000	962,483	945,473	1,187,667
To Date/1999	947,813	833,568	1,254,037
/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding			
/2 Comparable Week			

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

### Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 29-Jul-00 (Thousand Head)

	Young (B) Hens	Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total
Head	2,231	2,807	74	8	5,120
Avg Wt	15.69	32.53	23.81	25.64	25.06
Head Sltr Comparisons					
Last Week 06/03/00	2,147	2,904	21	10	5,082
Same Week Yr Ago	4,856 (C)		38	25	4,919
Avg Wt	25.44 (C)		23.71	28.80	25.44
To-Date/2000	137,240 (C)		620	877	138,737
To-Date/1999	140,794 (C)		446	997	142,237
CHECK TOTAL	9,948,164	138,879	94,362	225,123	327,936

(B) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(C) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.  
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